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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 9756**
Fuminori SATO et al. : **Docket No. 2001_1141A**
Serial No. 09/913,538 : **Group Art Unit 1653**
Filed August 15, 2001 : **Examiner David Lukton**

**HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUNDS, INTERMEDIATES
THEREOF AND ELASTASE INHIBITORS**

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated July 9, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: